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August 1, 2005

Mark Masselli
President/CEO
Community Health Center, Inc.
635 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30528-DTR
Community Health Center, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639(c), C.G.S.
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults in Norwalk

Dear Mr. Masselli:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish psychiatric outpatient services to families participating in the Head Start programs at the Community Health Center, Inc. at 165 Flax Hill Road and 11 Engalls Avenue, Norwalk, CT.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Community Health Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC").
2. Community Health Center, Inc. is proposing to deliver mental health services at the Community Health Center, Inc. at 165 Flax Hill Road and 11 Engalls Avenue, Norwalk, CT.
3. Community Health Center, Inc. receives funds from the Department of Public Health.
4. The site at 11 Engalls Avenue is located in an area designated by the Federal Health Resources and Services administration as a medically underserved population. The second site at 165 Flax Hill Road will serve patients from the medically underserved population census tracts within the City of Norwalk.

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5. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated July 20, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Community Health Center, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services for adults at 165 Flax Hill Road, Norwalk and 11 Engalls Avenue, Norwalk, serving 50 individuals at each location.

6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$5,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that establishing psychiatric outpatient services to families participating in the Head Start programs at the Community Health Center, Inc. at 165 Flax Hill Road and 11 Engalls Avenue, Norwalk, CT meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS
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